

Congressman Nunes Holds 3rd Annual Central Valley Ag Tour

On May 31, Rep. Devin Nunes held his 3rd Annual Central Valley Ag Tour with more than 40 community and business leaders. The day-long tour took the group by charter bus to six locations for a behind-the-scenes look at the nation's most diverse and productive agricultural region.

Traveling with the group this year as the Congressman's special guest was California's State Director of USDA Rural Development, Ben Higgins. Mr. Higgins was appointed by USDA Secretary Mike Johanns in March of 2006 and has a background in the cattle industry.

"Folks in the community often overlook the fact that our area is the nation's largest producer of agriculture products, and I think this is a good opportunity to remind them of that" Rep. Nunes said. "Agriculture represents 21 percent of all income and 25 percent of employment in the Valley, so it's important for local officials to have a good understanding of the issues and concerns that farmers and producers face every day."

The tour schedule this year included:

- Campos Brothers Almonds
- A-G Sod Farm
- Kearney Ag Center
- Ruiz Foods
- Family Tree Farms
- Bravo Farms



Top Right: Congressman Nunes listens to a presentation at Campos Bros Almonds in Caruthers

Middle: Congressman Nunes with Ben Higgins, California's State Director of USDA Rural Development at Bravo Farms in Traver

Bottom Right: Congressman Nunes tours the A-G Sod Farm in Caruthers

Bottom Left: Fred Ruiz tells Ag Tour participants about the work being done at Ruiz Foods in Dinuba